

REMARKS

Applicants wish to amend claims 1 and 44, and add new claims 49 and 50 in this supplemental Response to the Office Action of May 19, 2005.


Applicants have changed "axial depth" to "axial length" in claims 1 and 44 in an effort to improve the recitation of the invention. It is believed that the claims remain allowable for the same reasons given in the Response filed November 21, 2005.

New claims 49 and 50 each recite that the lock includes a body having a hole with a generally square cross sectional shape to define a plurality of flats, and a locking member having a shank received in the body and cooperating with the flats to releasably hold the locking member in the release and locking positions. It is clear that the US Patent No. 6,108,950 to Ruvang does not disclose such a construction.

It is believed that all of the pending claims are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests a notice to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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